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*The Charlotte County Libraries & History Monthly Newsletter*

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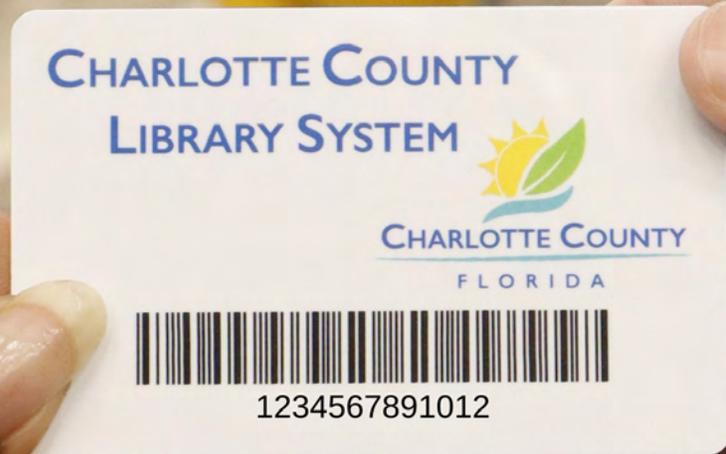
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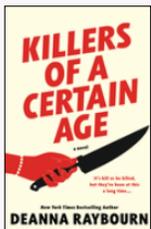


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# Coming Soon to Our Collection

Browse through the hundreds of items that are on order right now: [bit.ly/OnOrderItems](https://bit.ly/OnOrderItems)



## ***Killers of a Certain Age*** by Deanna Raybourn

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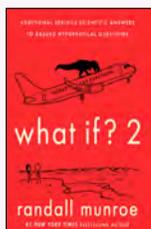
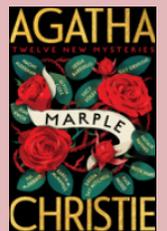
Having long worked for an exclusive network of assassins called the Museum, Billie, Mary Alice, Helen, and Natalie are hitting 60 and being sent to pasture with an all-expenses-paid vacation, their well-honed people skills no longer needed in an age of technology. It's soon evident that high-ups at the Museum have marked them for assassination, and they must figure out how to survive.

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## ***Marple: Twelve New Mysteries***

Jane Marple is an elderly lady from St. Mary Mead who possesses an uncanny knack for solving even the most perplexing puzzles. Now, for the first time in 45 years, Agatha Christie's beloved character returns to the page for a globe-trotting tour of crime and detection. These stories are penned by a host of acclaimed authors skilled in the fine art of mystery and murder.

Authors include Ruth Ware and Val McDermid.



## ***What If? 2: Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions*** by Randall Munroe

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Unfazed by absurdity, Munroe consults the latest research on everything from swing-set physics to airliner catapult-design to answer his readers' questions, clearly and concisely, with illuminating and occasionally terrifying illustrations. As he consistently demonstrates, you can learn a lot from examining how the world might work in very specific extreme circumstances.

Sept 13

## ***The Forgiven*** [DVD]

Speeding through the Moroccan desert to attend an old friend's lavish weekend party, a wealthy London couple is involved in a tragic accident with a local boy. But when they attempt to cover up the incident, the boy's father arrives seeking justice.



Join the wait list! Although on-order items are not yet available for checkout, you can still place holds on them.

[charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net](https://charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net)

# Library Bulletin

## Featured Events

### Saturday Morning Art (SMART)

**Port Charlotte Library - 11 a.m. September 10**

All ages can register to join us for a morning art session on the second Saturday of the month. We will explore various artists and techniques to create our own masterpieces using modern and classic mediums. All materials will be provided. Be sure to dress for a mess!

### Cooking around the World with Chef Warren

**Tringali Community Center in Englewood - 2 p.m. September 14**

He's back! Fan favorite Chef Warren presents cooking tips and demonstrates how to cook healthy and affordable meals for all tastes. In September, we're exploring French cuisine.

### Photo Tips and Tricks

**Punta Gorda Charlotte Library - 2 p.m. September 14 and 28**

Join this friendly group interested in enhancing their photographic skills. All levels of experience are welcome. Participants are encouraged to share their photos, how they edit their photos, and other techniques they use.

### Junk Journal Workshop for Teens

**Port Charlotte Library - 4 p.m. September 28**

Looking for creative ways to upcycle your old school journals? Try junk journaling! Teens can register for this DIY workshop as we unload our craft closet and turn old journals into new and expressive works of art. Bring your own journals or use ours.

## New Adult Literacy Collection



September is National Literacy Month. We're proud to announce the addition of a new collection of **adult literacy materials**, including GED test prep books, reading textbooks and workbooks, and short fiction readers. These items are intended for adult learners and those who help them. The need is great; about 1 in 4 Florida adults lack basic reading skills. Find adult literacy resources at [charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net/literacy](http://charlottefl.ent.sirsi.net/literacy).

## Labor Day

On Monday, September 5, the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All other locations will be closed.



## Witches & Wizards

Join your Youth Services Librarians for magic and fun in this new rotating program series for all ages! In September, head to your local library branch to be sorted into a Hogwarts house.

**Englewood - 4 p.m. Sep. 2**

**Mid-County - 2 p.m. Sep. 3**

**Port Charlotte - 4 p.m. Sep. 7**

**Punta Gorda - 2:30 p.m. Sep. 10**

Then visit our different libraries as we rotate hosting Witches & Wizards programs each month. Earn points for your house when you participate!

In May, we will have a House Cup celebration to find out which Hogwarts house has earned the most points throughout the year.

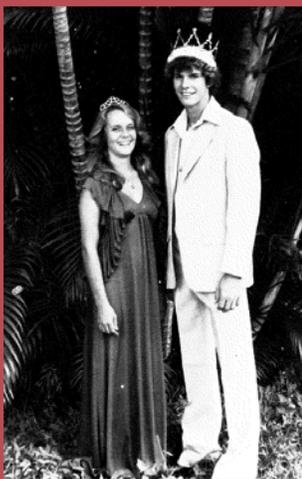
## Charlotte High School Yearbooks



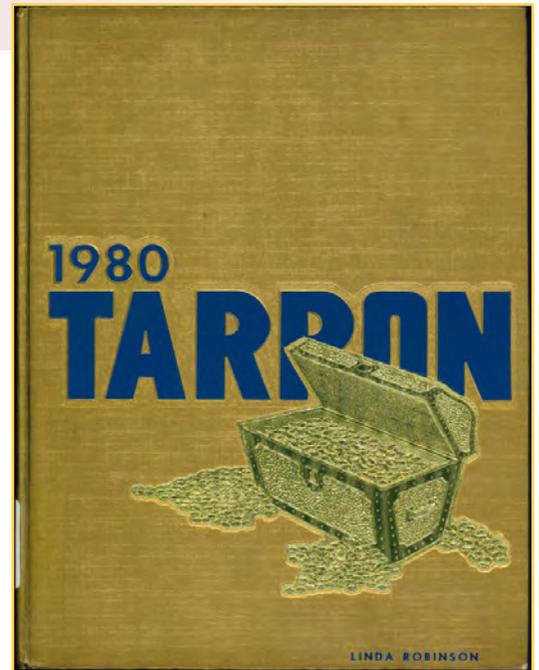
**1956:** Future Homemakers of America (FHA) began in 1945, right after WWII, aiming to teach teenage girls how to keep house for their future husbands.



**1969:** Sophomore Burton Lawless would go on to play football at the University of Florida. He was then selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the 2nd round of the 1975 NFL draft. He played on the offensive line for Dallas in three Super Bowls, winning in Super Bowl XII in 1978.



**1979:** Juniors Kelly Cunningham and Jackie Foley were voted Prom Queen and King by their classmates. The dance, held at the Civic Center, was decorated in brown and beige. Its theme was "We May Never Pass This Way Again." Souvenirs included scroll-programs, embossed napkins, and garters.



### The high school yearbook is a time capsule

The school yearbook has always been a wonderful way to go back in time and visit old friends, teachers you admired, and memories that may have faded. You can see classmates who went on to bigger and better things and remember what they were like before they "made it." It is also fun to gaze back at the fashion trends of that time period and ask yourself, "What were we thinking?"

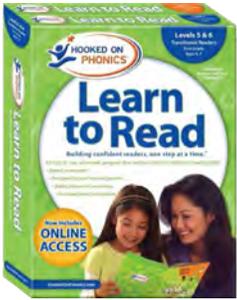
For historians, yearbooks offer a glimpse of bygone eras. We are lucky to have several volumes of Charlotte High's *Tarpon* yearbook in our collection. We have books from 1952, 1953, 1956, 1966, 1969, 1975, 1977, 1980, and 1981. The public can view these yearbooks at History Services.

We are grateful to the yearbook staffs of the past for preserving these precious memories—even if we question their fashion choices!

Do you have an old Charlotte County yearbook you'd like to donate? Call History Services at 941.629.7278.

# Learning to read

Learning to read is a wonderful time, but it can be challenging or stressful if you do not know where to start. At the library, we have materials for readers of all levels to help make this journey as fun and easy as possible! Ms. Melanie recommends some just-right books to try.

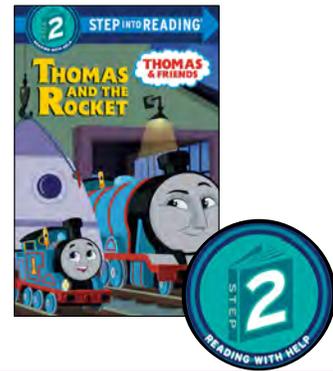


## Hooked on Phonics *Learn to Read* kits

If you're looking for instructional materials, start here. These kits range from Level 1: Early Emergent Readers up to Level 8: Early Fluent Readers. Kits include workbooks, storybooks, flashcards, and videos. These kits help lay the foundation of knowledge needed to read, beginning with the alphabet and the sounds of the letters, and work up to full reading ability. They are meant to help children learn at their own pace.

## Easy Readers

Easy Readers are short stories that are leveled and help bridge the gap between learning phonics and reading books. Look for the reading level on the book's cover to find titles that will challenge rather than frustrate your child. The best thing about Easy Readers is that we have fiction and nonfiction choices! With so many options, your reader is bound to find one that will spark a love of reading.



## Transitional Readers

Transitional Readers are chapter books for early readers that have a larger font size and pictures throughout. They are usually between 75-100 pages. Many transitional readers, like the *Shark School*, *Magic Tree House*, and *Junie B. Jones* books, are long series. Once your child reads the first installment, he or she might be thrilled to devour the rest!

## Chapter books with pictures

Making the leap from Easy Readers to chapter books can be intimidating! Try easing the transition to traditional chapter books by trying some with pictures. *Unicorn Island*, *Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom*, and *Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat* are a few of my favorites because they help kids to develop their imaginations as they read. They'll be ready to envision the story in traditional chapter books in no time!



# 10

## cool things to do with your library card

The library was already the best deal in town. Now your card can do more than ever.

### 1 Get personalized reading recommendations

Not sure what to read next? Use our **Your Next Five Books** service to get a short list of titles recommended just for you. Tell us a little about what you've enjoyed, and our librarians will choose five books we think you'll love. We can even place them on hold for you.



### 2 Skip the paywall, play brain games, or cook something new

If you're tired of seeing "You've reached your monthly limit of free articles," use our library subscriptions instead. You'll get full digital access to **The New York Times** and **The Wall Street Journal** when you redeem our access codes. We also subscribe to **The New York Times Cooking** and **Games**—crossword included!



### 3

#### Build your business

Invest smarter with access to **Value Line's** research on companies, industries, markets, and economies, leverage **Morningstar's** analysis of stocks, mutual funds, and ETFs, or search **A to Z databases** for businesses, people, and jobs.



### 4

#### Instant streaming

No Netflix? No problem. Stream movies, t.v., and audio through our **hoopla**, **cloudLibrary** and **Kanopy** apps. Find top documentaries, including the bingeable Great Courses. You'll also discover modern classics, cartoons for kids, Hallmark romance, chart-topping albums, and bestselling audiobooks.



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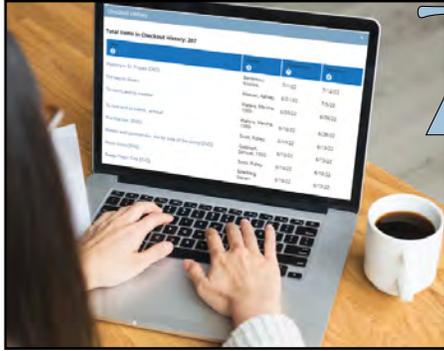
#### Request something special

You've searched the catalog, and we don't have that book you want. Don't be shy—**request it!** We can't keep every title on the shelves, but if you want to read it, we'll buy a copy or borrow one from another library system through interlibrary loan.

# 6

## Trace your family tree

With in-library access to **Ancestry.com**, **Family Search**, and **Heritage Quest**, you'll have billions of records, photos, directory listings, and census data at your fingertips. The Charlotte County Genealogical Society can help you get started.



# 7

## Keep track of what you've read

When you borrow books from the library, your checkouts are automatically recorded in **your online account**. To see them, log into your account and expand the Checkout History tab. Next time you forget the name of that author you adored, take a look back at what you read and when.



# 8

## Earn your high school diploma

Over 11,000 adults have graduated from **Career Online High School**. Now you can, too. Earn your high school diploma and jump-start your future with career training. 2.5 million Floridians over age 25 lack a high school diploma. COHS has been partnering with libraries since 2009 to help address this need. Best of all, state-funded scholarships make the program 100% free for students, and it's a real diploma—not a GED.

Charlotte County's latest graduate, Denniel A., plans to use his diploma to give back to the community. He says, "I wanted to be able to have the education to further my career that I'm pursuing in substance abuse counseling." Congratulations, Denniel!



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## Check out some tech

Our **lendable technology** lets you bring the library on the go! Cardholders can take home mobile hotspots, Kindle Paperwhites, graphing calculators, and other devices. Plus, check out a laptop, iPad, or gaming system for in-library use.



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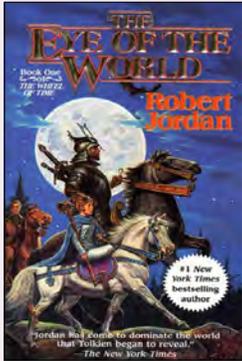
## Read, read, read.

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# Epic Fantasy Series

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien was published 85 years ago this month. The popularity of that book led Tolkien to expand his fantasy world into *The Lord of Rings* trilogy. If you enjoyed that epic, you may like the series below.

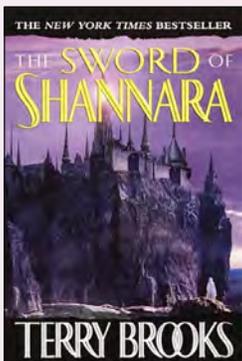
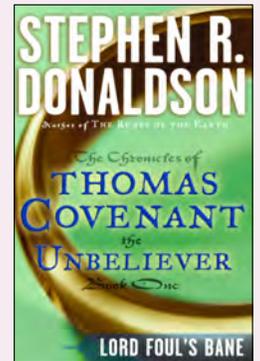


## **Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan**

*The Eye of the World* is the first novel in Robert Jordan's #1 *New York Times* bestselling epic fantasy series. *The Wheel of Time* follows Moiraine Damodred as she arrives in Emond's Field on a quest to find the one prophesized to stand against The Dark One. When a vicious band of half-men, half-beasts invade the Two Rivers seeking their master's enemy, Moiraine persuades Rand al'Thor and his friends to leave their home and enter a larger unimaginable world filled with dangers waiting both in the shadows and in the light.

## **Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever series by Stephen R. Donaldson**

*Lord Foul's Bane* is the first book in this series. He called himself Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever, because he dared not believe in this strange alternate world on which he suddenly found himself. Yet the Land tempted him. He had been sick; now he seemed better than ever before. Through no fault of his own, he had been outcast, unclean, a pariah. Now he was regarded as a reincarnation of the Land's greatest hero—Berek Halfhand—armed with the mystic power of White Gold. That power alone could protect the Lords of the Land from the ancient evil of the Despiser, Lord Foul. Except that Covenant had no idea how to use that power.



## **Shannara series by Terry Brooks**

*The Sword of Shannara* is the first volume of the classic series that has become one of the most popular fantasy tales of all time. It's an epic fantasy of gnomes, trolls, dwarfs and elves in which a simple man, Shea Ohmsford, is pitted against the greatest power of evil the world has ever known. Long ago, the wars of the ancient Evil ruined the world. In peaceful Shady Vale, half-elfin Shea Ohmsford knows little of such troubles. But the supposedly dead Warlock Lord is plotting to destroy everything in his wake. The sole weapon against this Power of Darkness is the Sword of Shannara, which can be used only by a true heir.



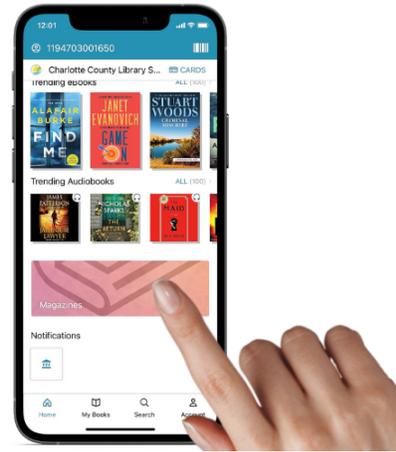
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They've moved into the cloudLibrary.

## Unlimited access

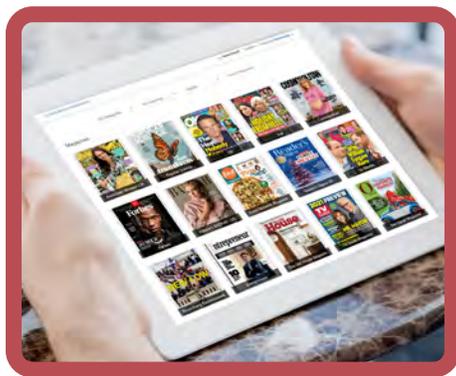
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# Ask a Librarian: How do you decide which books to buy?

The main goal when ordering materials for our library collection is selecting items that will be of the most interest to our community. To select materials, we employ numerous sources, but the most important one is you! We strongly encourage patrons to make suggestions for items we don't currently have, [through our website](#) or in person. We want to know what you want!

## How do you predict what people will want to read?

Predicting what people will want to read or watch can be difficult for some items and easy for others. For example, we have certain high-profile authors, like James Patterson, David Baldacci, and Danielle Steel on standing order. This means that whenever they are scheduled to have a book released, it is added to our order automatically!

If we aren't looking at a big-name author or blockbuster movie, there are other resources to use to determine if we think the item will be popular with our patrons. Reviews from sources like *Library Journal*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and *Booklist* are very helpful. These reviews are usually done by librarians from around the country who have received an advance copy of the book from the publisher to review. We get to see these reviews months in advance of the book's release date to ensure we order and receive the books on time.

Celebrity book club choices are also a good indicator that a book will be popular. Look for books chosen by Reese Witherspoon's Book Club, Jenna Bush's Read with Jenna, and Good Morning America to attract buzz.

Other considerations include looking at the author's past books in our collection and how they circulated, whether the item is part of a series we have, and how popular the genre of the book is among our patrons. We also do our best to keep non-fiction books like travel guides, legal books, and test prep books up to date.

## We have chosen the items, now what?

We need to decide how many copies to order, which libraries they are going to, and in what format. With the big-name books and movies, at least one copy will usually go to each branch library. Otherwise, we look at the community of the branch to see what has been popular there in the past. We also try to keep the collection balanced among all the libraries. So, if one branch gets a book on Italian cooking, the next time we order a new Italian cooking book it will go to a different branch.

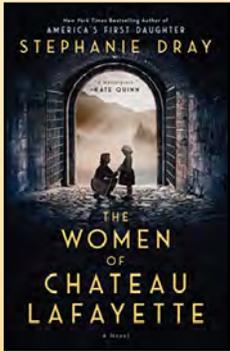
After the item arrives, we monitor the number of patrons on the holds list. Our goal is to have no more than 4 patrons on hold per item. If we need to order more copies, we will! For example, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens was released in the summer of 2018. We were still buying extra copies into 2019 since the demand was so high!



## Why can't you just buy everything?

We try to buy what we think will be of the most interest to the community with the budget allocated to us. This is why we love your input! We want to know what you want; we are here for you and want our collection to be curated by our community.

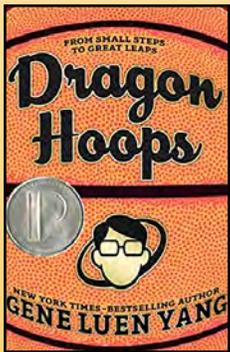
# Staff Picks



## ***The Women of Chateau Lafayette*** by Stephanie Dray

"If you have never read Stephanie Dray's many works of historical fiction, *The Women of Chateau Lafayette* is a great place to start! Spanning generations of extraordinary women living through challenging times and centered around the castle once owned by the Marquis de Lafayette, this book takes readers from the French Revolution to World War II. Dray sheds light on strong but little-known women of history, giving modern readers both a fascinating window into the past and a compelling narrative from beginning to end."

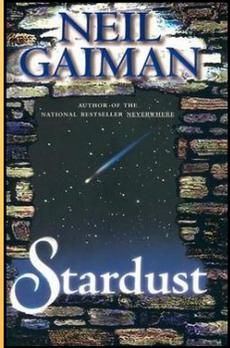
–Jennifer Zoebelein, *Historian*



## ***Dragon Hoops*** by Gene Luen Yang

"*Dragon Hoops* is a graphic novel written for basketball fans. Author Gene Luen Yang, teacher and comic book enthusiast, chronicles the history and contemporary experience of the real-life Bishop O'Dowd Dragons, an Oakland high school basketball team, in their quest to win the California state championship. As the season progresses, Yang develops a passion for the sport and shares what he learns. Anyone who enjoys the passion of high school basketball will find this an interesting and rewarding read."

–Tracy Herman, *Librarian supervisor*



## ***Stardust*** by Neil Gaiman

"*Stardust* is a beautifully written novel by Neil Gaiman. It was written to be a fairy tale that mature readers can thoroughly enjoy. It is about a boy who leaves his home village to catch a falling star, so he can bring it back and gift it to the woman that he loves. It is extremely enjoyable and a pretty quick read."

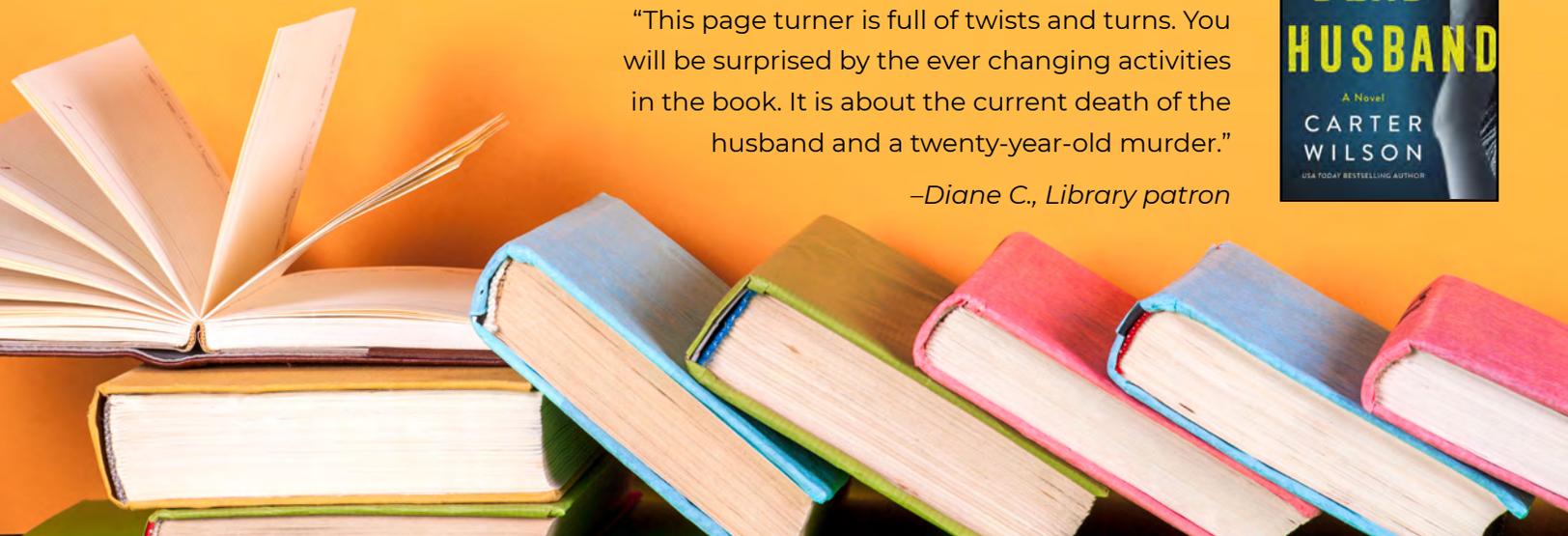
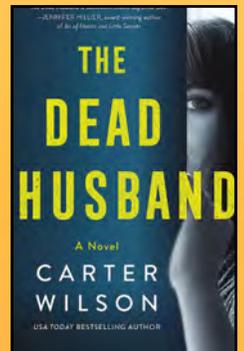
–Pip Penrod, *Library assistant*

## Reader's Rave

### ***The Dead Husband*** by Carter Wilson

"This page turner is full of twists and turns. You will be surprised by the ever changing activities in the book. It is about the current death of the husband and a twenty-year-old murder."

–Diane C., *Library patron*





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